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Charge 2 at ITT with lying on Chile

WASHINGTON [AP]—The Justice Department charged two officers of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. Monday with giving false testimony to the Senate five years ago about ITT's work with the Central Intelligence Agency in Chile.

Atty. Gen. Griffin Bell announced that two felony counts, were filed in U.S. District criminal informations, each containing six Court against Edward J. Gerrity Jr., 54, a senior vice president of ITT; and Robert Berrellez, 58, the southwest regional manager of the corporation and a former Latin American executive of the conglomerate.

Both men were charged with perjury, obstruction of government proceedings, and making false statements in a government

matter in the 1973 probe which the Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations conducted into ITT's activities in the 1970 presidential election in Chile.

ITT CHAIRMAN Harold S. Geneen had also been a prospective target in the department's perjury investigation, but he was not named in Monday's action and the department said "no other actions . . . are contemplated."

The action against Gerrity and Berrellez was taken on the last day that charges could be brought before the five-year statutory period of limitations expired. Geneen's case was within two weeks of that expiration.

All three men testified at the 1973 hearings that ITT had not acted in any substantive

way to prevent the election of Marxist Salvador Allende as president of Chile.

However, it was disclosed in late 1975 that both the CIA and ITT had funded Allende's election opponents.

GERRITY WAS charged specifically with three counts of perjury, one count of obstructing governmental proceedings, + one count of subornation of perjury, and one count of making a false statement in a government matter.

Berrellez was charged with one count of conspiracy, three of perjury, one of obstructing governmental proceedings, and one of making a false statement in a government matter.